Homework- Diary of a Mad Economist

An opportunity for introspection, consumption and satisfaction

On a 1 to 20 rating scale place the following in order

Scoring

1 = I barely like at all but if offered and it doesn’t take any work I’ll consume it-the last piece of candy I’d eat

5- wouldn’t reject at Halloween but would be the near to last chosen

10- Generally like

15- very much like, in that 1st group

20- I LOVE IT!!!CAN’T GET ENOUGH OF IT- I’D SELL MY SOUL FOR IT.

A.

5 things you ATE/CONSUMED this week—ALL SCORING IS BASED OFF OF THAT MOMENT OF DECISION MAKING- IE. NO 20/20 HINDSIGHT, DON’T AVERAGE

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| Date and Time of day | Item | Score |
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Place in Order w/score

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B.

At one sitting this week for lunch/dinner

What did you eat first? Second? Third? Fourth? Fifth? Sixth?

Give a numerical score to each item you consumed.

On a graph (Marginal Utility) with the y axis showing the score of each and the x-axis showing the unit or quantity numbers

On a 2nd graph (Total Utility) – same for x axis, for y axis calculate the Total score after each successive unit- compare graph- take the slope between for each successive unit on the x axis and compare it to the marginal utility.

C.

Walk into a store and without rank and give scores to 5 items in the store- based on the 1 to 20 satisfaction score above. TRY NOT TO LOOK AT THE PRICE SINCE THAT MIGHT INFLUENCE YOUR CHOICE

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| Item- col. A | Score- col. B | Price- col. C | Score/Price  - col. d | Rank based on col. d |
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Assume you have 50.00

What did you buy?

Did you save any of your $50.00?

If so how much?

How much satisfaction did you give for the first $ saved? 2nd? 3rd? Explain